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IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-41. (Cancelled).

42. (new) An apparatus for permitting a user to send a broadcast message to a first recipient and a second recipient, the first recipient having a first receiving device addressable over a data network and the second recipient having a second
5 receiving device addressable over a telephone network connected to the data network, the apparatus comprising:

A2¹⁰ a message router, configured to receive the broadcast message and configured to translate the received broadcast message into a translated first broadcast message and a translated second broadcast message, the translated first broadcast message being in a data format for delivery to the first receiving device over the data network, the translated second broadcast message being in a telephonic format, different from the data format, for delivery to the second receiving
15 device over the telephone network via the data network, the message router configured for routing the translated first broadcast message to the first receiving device over the data network and configured for routing the translated second broadcast message to the second receiving device over the
20 telephone network via the data network.

43. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the broadcast message is originated in voice form.

44. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the first receiving device is a computer having an IP address, the IP address corresponding to the first recipient.

45. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first

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recipient in text format as an email, or as a fax, or as a text file.

46. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

47. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the second receiving device is a telephone and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

48. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the second receiving device is a facsimile machine and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format as a facsimile.

49. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the second receiving device is a pager and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format.

50. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the broadcast message is originated in text form.

51. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the first receiving device is a computer having an IP address, the IP address corresponding to the first recipient.

52. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in text format as an email, or as a fax, or as a text file.

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53. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

54. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the second receiving device is a telephone and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

55. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the second receiving device is a facsimile machine and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format as a facsimile.

56. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the second receiving device is a pager and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format.

57. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the message router selects the data format and the telephonic format for delivery according to receiving capabilities of the first and second receiving devices.

58. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 57, wherein the message router includes a telephone number within the second message that corresponds to the second receiving device.

59. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the message router includes a telephone number within the second message that corresponds to the second receiving device.

60. (new) A method for permitting a user to send a broadcast message to a first recipient and a second recipient,

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the first recipient having a first receiving device addressable over a data network and the second recipient having a second
5 receiving device addressable over a telephone network connected to the data network, the method comprising:
receiving the broadcast message;
translating the received broadcast message into a translated first broadcast message and a translated second
10 broadcast message, the translated first broadcast message being in a data format for delivery to the first receiving device over the data network, the translated second broadcast message being in a telephonic format, different from the data format, for delivery to the second receiving device over the telephone
15 network via the data network;
routing the translated first broadcast message to the first receiving device over the data network; and
routing the translated second broadcast message to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data
20 network.

61. (new) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein the broadcast message is originated in voice form.

62. (new) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein the broadcast message is originated in text form.

63. (new) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein routing includes selecting the data format and the telephonic formats for delivery according to receiving capabilities of the first and second receiving devices.

64. (new) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein routing comprises including a telephone number within the telephonic message that corresponds to the second receiving device.

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65. (new) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for:

receiving a broadcast message;

translating the received broadcast message into a

5 translated first broadcast message and a translated second broadcast message, the translated first broadcast message being in a data format for delivery to a first receiving device over a data network, the translated second broadcast message being in a telephonic format, different from the data format, for delivery
10 to a second receiving device over a telephone network via the data network;

routing the translated first broadcast message to the first receiving device over the data network; and

15 routing the translated second broadcast message to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data network.

66. (new) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein the broadcast message is originated in voice form.

67. (new) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein the broadcast message is originated in text form.

68. (new) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein routing includes selecting the data format and the telephonic format for delivery according to receiving capabilities of the first and second receiving devices.

69. (new) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein routing comprises including a telephone number within the telephonic message that corresponds to the second receiving device.